Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations
8th Dec 1857.

Cases Nos 37 & 38

Order No 12587/5 8th Dec 1857

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His Lordship in Council further observes, that the Civil Auditor was right in having entered in his Book of Establishments only the amount audited by him for that period, his Books being intended as records of those Establishments only which are in actual existence on the 1st May of every year.

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Public Works.

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North-Western Provinces.
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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 1258 ; dated 5th December 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor.

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John Gray, "Calcutta Gazette" Office.

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